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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated Dec 1, 2006, kindly amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), as well as a petition for extension of time are being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. The application was originally filed with 48 claims, of which 8 were independent. Thus, no excess claim fees should be due with the filing of this amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.